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News Notes

CO to speak at AUSA luncheon

The Tobyhanna Army Depot Chapter of the Association of the United States Army is having a general membership luncheon Sept. 19.

Depot commander Col. Ron Alberto will serve as keynote speaker. The subject of his speech will be his command philosophy and goals.

The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. at The Landing.

Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased by May 19. Interested civilians should call their director.

Personnel may also call Rose Gesell, X58193, or Mary Noldy, X57880. Military members can call Alecia Sebring, X57069.

The buffet lunch features Anthony's Chopped Antipasto Salad, roasted herb chicken, Swiss Steak Jardineire, mashed red potatoes with garlic, vegetable medley, warm apple cobbler, coffee, tea and soda.

Weight loss program starts soon

Weight Watchers eight-week 'At Work' program begins Sept. 21. Sessions will be held 11:15 a.m. in the Nina Newhart Blood Room.

Cost is \$80 and a minimum of 15 participants is required for each session. Some participants may be eligible for full or partial reimbursement from their health insurance provider.

Because individual plans vary, employees should check with their provider for specific plan benefits.

The program features diet information and group support, emphasizing positive changes for a healthy lifestyle.

For more information or to register, call Janine Yablonski, X57942.

Correction

In the Aug. 29 *Tobyhanna Reporter*, the Women's Equality Day quiz on Page 8 contained an error in the answers to question 3. American women won the right to vote in 1920. Specifically, the 19th Amendment was passed by Congress on June 4, 1919, and ratified Aug. 18, 1920. The *Reporter* apologizes for the error.

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Depot produces new satellite terminal

by Anthony Ricchiazzi
Editor

America's missile defense system got a boost from Tobyhanna's ability to produce new satellite communications support systems.

In six months, engineers and technicians designed and integrated an Auxiliary Communications Shelter (ACS) valued at about \$5 million that supports the homeland defense Ballistic Missile Defense System. It usually takes at least one or two years to produce a system of this complexity, says Mark Capitano, chief of the Satellite Communications Systems Engineering Division, Production Engineering Directorate (PED).

"The shelter provides communications capability for the FBX-T (Forward Based X-Band Radar Transportable) radar system," he said. "The FBX radar system provides situational awareness to joint service (Army, Marines, Air Force) units manning missile defense sites."

The Missile Defense National Team is fielding the FBX-T. When it is integrated into the Ballistic Missile Defense System Network Interface, it will provide forward-based sensor capability for early acquisition, tracking and identification information of intercontinental and intermediate range ballistic missiles in support of homeland and host nation defense.

"What is unique about the ACS is that it provides similar services as DOIM (Information Management Directorate) here," said Tom Terpak, lead electronics technician. "It has DISN (Defense Information Systems Network) services, which are Internet-related capabilities that include computer networking and worldwide e-mail. It also has DSN, commercial and secure telephone services, and an uninterruptible power source."

The mission began in 2005 when the Missile Defense Agency, Washington, D.C., and the Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems (PM DCATS), Product Director Satellite Communications Systems (PD SCS), Fort Monmouth, N.J., began working with Tobyhanna to develop advanced capability based on a new concept of providing multiple communications capability in one shelter.

"Tobyhanna Army Depot really took the initiative on this short-fused mission and produced outstanding results," said Scott Ervin, ACS project leader, PD SCS.

"PM DCATS, PD SCS was extremely pleased with the quick turnaround and superior workmanship."

The shelter complements the FBX-T radar system, which is a transportable radar. "The sites are very remote," explained Tom Musso, chief of the Tactical Satellite Design and Support Division, PED. "This first shelter is now in Southeast Asia."

The shelter, a 40-foot trailer, was integrated by the Communications Systems Directorate's Satellite Communications Division. "Primarily by the Strategic Systems Branch," Capitano noted. "The van was completely rebuilt by the Systems Integration and Support Directorate. Contracting (Directorate) purchased the materials and Production Management (Directorate) coordinated the processes. We were also assisted by DDTP (Defense Distribution Depot Tobyhanna)."

There were several challenges for the depot during the fabrication and fielding phases.

"Once the shelter was designed, getting the material, making the usual customer changes and dealing with the technical

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Tobyhanna worked with the Missile Defense Agency and the Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems Program Manager Office to produce an advanced capability Auxiliary Communications Shelter.



Ken Stackhouse (left) and Stephen Koval, Production Engineering Directorate, configure an Internet interface router rack in the Auxiliary Communications Shelter. The shelter support missile defense systems. (Photos by Tony Medici).

Gainey reflects on 9/11's impact on the Force

by Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—For the man who now serves as the senior enlisted advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, watching the televised image of an airliner hitting the World Trade Center signaled the end of an era as the country was thrust into war.

Army Command Sgt. Maj. William J. Gainey, then regimental sergeant major for the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Polk, La., said he remembers returning home after an early morning run Sept. 11, 2001, and flipping on the TV news as he cooled down.

Gainey was transfixed by shots of smoke pouring from the World Trade Center and remembered an incident in the 1930s when a military aircraft hit the Empire State Building. As he watched, a second jet careened into the second World Trade Center tower, and he realized that what he was watching was no accident, Gainey said.

Relax, transition to a new state of mind

Are you prone to worry? Do you lose sleep over things you cannot control or from thoughts that circle round and round in your head? Are there things you are fearful of?

If you have these experiences, you are keeping company with a lot of other people in this world; including myself.

Not one moment of time spent worrying ever resolved a problem or prevented a feared event. Fortunately, in 9 out of 10 cases, that which we feared most never happened. So much wasted effort. So much needless time lost.

Attention all worriers. It is time to transition over to a new state of mind.

Do you remember a song that was popular a few years back entitled: "Don't worry, be happy?" written by Bobby McFerrin?

Regardless of what you thought of the song, it really is a good philosophy for all of us to live by.

Contentment is a terrific state of mind. It means having an attitude of peace about you, being comfortable with your situation,

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

by Chaplain (Maj.) Philip Smiley
Installation chaplain



being at ease with those around you and trusting in God to take care of your needs.

Let me hasten to add though, that this state of mind is not our natural state. It usually takes years to develop faith and trust. And just deciding "to be content" doesn't work very well either. So how do we go about practicing, "Don't worry, be happy"?

A good place to start is with all the things that are going right in your life.

Count your blessings. Express thankfulness for the positives. Dwell on the good things. Put difficulties into perspective in the total scheme of things. You will be amazed at just how many good things you have to be happy about.

What a great way of looking at things. If

God cares enough to take care of the birds and other creatures that bring color and beauty into this world, we can be assured He has our best interests at heart as well.

Finally, there is one more thing we can do with worry. We can help each other through it.

We are a family here and what affects one of us, affects all of us. We all have common concerns. So why not pull together, addressing our troubles as a family instead of facing them alone.

Actually, when you reach out a hand to another, you lessen the burden and that always reduces the worry.

I encourage you to step out and begin adjusting your state of mind. Make a conscious choice. Choose contentment rather than worry. Reinforce that decision every day.

Think of it as an ongoing process that you will experience every day. Out with worry. In with contentment. And if it will help, go down to the music store and see if Bobby McFerrin's song is still available.

Army develops new technology for first responders

FORT MONMOUTH, N.J.—U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC) and U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Monmouth demonstrated Aug. 29 capabilities developed in response to the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The First Responder – Response Mobile Communications System, developed by CERDEC's Space and Terrestrial Communications Directorate (S&TCD), is a rapidly deployable communications system that provides wireless connectivity, situational awareness and 3-D location and tracking in the absence of a fixed communications infrastructure.

The RMCS monitors vital signs of responding personnel and provides the incident commander cognitive oversight of the responders' environmental conditions. It also delivers voice communications and live high-quality video to the incident commander and headquarters coordinating the operation.

"Not since the introduction of the portable defibrillator, thermal imaging cameras and night vision devices has a technology of this scale been introduced," said John C. Erichsen, Fort Monmouth fire chief. "First responders will be able to be directed by a central unit who at the same time is monitoring other information vital to the task at hand. This will truly save the lives of both first responders and the victims they are trying to save."

The recent RMCS demonstration is an enhancement to the

He ran into the next room to awaken his wife, telling her, "Baby, we are now at war."

Gainey, a career soldier who had served in every leadership position from command group gunner to regimental sergeant major, said the events of Sept. 11 shook him to the core. Gone was the sense of security he'd always felt came from being a superpower with the world's best military.

"When I watched those buildings crumble, I got kind of scared and realized we might not be as hard as we think we are," he said. "People can slip in on us. And it gave me a total sense of appreciation for what we need to do or what we might have to do."

As Fort Polk went into a defensive position -- closing roads, putting troops in Humvees around housing areas and sending patrols through the post -- Gainey wondered how the United States would respond to the attacks. "And I was very pleased when the president said we are not going to tolerate it," he said.

Nearly five years later, with the United States fully engaged in the war on terror, the tragic events of Sept. 11 have transformed the U.S. armed forces, said Gainey, now senior enlisted advisor to Marine Gen. Peter Pace, the nation's highest-ranking military officer.

After traveling the globe, visiting troops at home and overseas and reporting his findings back to Pace, Gainey said the military has never been stronger.

"Our young men and women of all the services are better trained and have more combat experience than anyone in the last two generations."

With better training, better equipment and more combat veterans within its ranks than ever before, the U.S. military has never been better, and its members have never been more serious about their mission, Gainey said.

"Talk to any young man and woman and ask them how they feel, and they will tell you, 'We are focused, Sergeant Major,'" he said. "They are focused, and they believe in what they are doing."

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Command, Control and Computer Systems (C3) Avionics Directorate**

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EXCELLENCE IN ELECTRONICS

NOTES from Page 1**Christmas show tickets on sale**

The Civilian Welfare Council (CWF) will host a trip to see the Christmas show at Radio City Music Nov. 18 in New York City. Cost is \$65 per person. The show starts at 10 a.m. A bus will leave the depot parking lot at 6:45 a.m. and the city at 6 p.m. For those interested in a shopping trip, the cost is \$17 per person. Reservations and payment can be made at the One Stop Shop, X58851.

School-age care available

The School Age Services Program has a limited number of openings available to students starting the 2006-07 school year.

Family members of military and civilian depot employees in kindergarten through 6th grades are eligible to participate in the day care services; however, there may be space available to the public.

The program provides before- and after-school sessions, as well as full-day care when school is cancelled because of inclement weather or closed for holidays. In addition, there will be a part-day preschool program for 4-year-olds and a mid-day kindergarten program, if sufficient interest is demonstrated.

There are age-appropriate health and fitness, and educational and recreational activities available from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, except for federal holidays. The program features breakfast and an afternoon snack. If full day care is provided, lunch is also included.

The depot's program is accredited by the National Afterschool Association and is an affiliate member of the Boys and Girls Club of America and 4H Club. The staff director has a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education. Staff members hold several certifications and enhance their professional development through a variety of annual training programs.

All staff members are trained in first aid and are cardio-pulmonary resuscitation certified.

The Pocono Mountain School District will provide transportation between Tobyhanna and the Coolbaugh Elementary Center, Clear Run Intermediate Center, Pocono Mountain Charter School and Monsignor McHugh School. The depot will provide transportation to and from the Clear Run Elementary Center.

For fees, schedules and registration information, call 895-6559.

Youth fishing derby is Sept. 23

The 10th annual fishing derby will be 8 – 11 a.m. Sept. 23 at Barney's Lake. The derby is open to all youth ages 15 years and younger. Registration begins at 7 a.m. Refreshments will be available.

Trophies will be awarded and each child that registers will receive a gift.

Anyone ages 16 years and older must have a Pennsylvania fishing license, trout stamp and fishing permit to fish the lake following the derby.

The \$5 fishing permits can be purchased at the One Stop Shop, Mack Field House or at the lake the day of the event. The daily limit of fish caught at the lake is three per person.

For details, call Jackie Vass, chief of the Community Recreation Division, X57584.

Depot kicks off annual CFC fund drive

**by Jacqueline Boucher
Assistant Editor**

Tobyhanna Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) organizers have scheduled several events during the annual fund drive that begins Sept. 18.

The CFC, which is authorized to solicit contributions from government employees and military personnel for thousands of federally qualifying charities, will be accepting donations until Nov.

17. This year's goal is \$155,000.

Depot festivities include a chili cook off, spaghetti dinner and slogan contest.

The mission of the CFC is to support and promote philanthropy through a program that is employee-focused, cost efficient and effective in providing federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all, explained Alecia Sebring, CFC chairperson. "Tobyhanna



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Army Depot is one of seven federal campaigns in northeastern Pa. The depot is the largest contributor of the seven and we thank all of our employees who donate to CFC and the various charities represented," she said.

Melanie Kane is the co-chairperson for the 2006-2007 campaign.

The CFC today is known to be the most inclusive workplace giving campaign in the world, according to the campaign's Web site. Donors to the CFC are allowed to select what organization they want the money to go to. This ensures that the donation goes to the needs the donor feels is most important, according to CFC publications.

Last year, depot employees donated over \$164,000 to national and international charities, as well as around 40,000 local charities that receive donations through the CFC.

These charities include military, veteran and patriotic organizations, human and civil rights organizations, and environmental organizations, religious and cultural organizations.

CFC publications also stated that a number of military-support organizations are eligible for, and to a large degree depend on, funding from the CFC.

Started in 1961 and administered by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, the campaign is the nation's largest workplace charity drive and the only philanthropic effort permitted by law in the federal workplace.

Fundraising for charitable organizations in the federal workplace can be traced to the late-1940s. Formal authority to permit fundraising in the federal workplace was not established until 1961.

Chili contest

There will be a Chili Contest and Combined Federal Campaign Rally from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 18 in the main hallway of Building 1A.

For more contest information, call Alecia Sebring, X57069.

Refreshments on sale

Baked goods, hot dogs, soda and water will be sold in conjunction with the Chili Contest. For more information, or to donate baked goods, call Gayla Debonise, X58374.

Spaghetti dinner

The CFC committee will host a \$5 spaghetti dinner from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Oct 12 in the Post Restaurant.

AKO homepage gets new look, easy features

**by Katisha Draughn
Army News Service**

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — Computer users landing on the Army Knowledge Online homepage are finding a new format.

AKO launched a new homepage Aug. 26 to help users easily navigate the site and find information quickly.

"We received a lot of feedback from our customer base stating that the old AKO homepage was overwhelming and had too much information," said Col. Taylor Chasteen, project director, AKO. "We thought that better organization and a more elegant design would facilitate the user experience."

Users now see a new design; easier navigation tools like scrolling tabs, drop-down menus and picture icons; important news items on the top of the page and a change in how information is organized. The left navigation bar on the former homepage was also removed to allow additional space for content from administrators.

The AKO homepage was revised two years ago, but the AKO

team says users can expect to see more frequent updates.

"We tried to focus on the concept of continuous improvement and increase usability," said Diane Bartley, leader of the AKO team.

"We wanted to make things cleaner and easier to find, and we tried to eliminate the number of clicks and scrolling the users would have to utilize." Users have responded positively to the new look, according to Bartley.

Users visiting AKO for the first time since the modification can click on the "AKO Homepage Upgrade Page" link for more information on all the changes. Users can also take an interactive tour of the new homepage and look at a cheat sheet which gives a before and after version of the homepage.

With the current upgrade complete, the team is now working to improve the search function, according to Lt. Col. Kenneth Fritzsch, chief of operations.

"We have only just begun. We are still going to continue to improve the homepage," Nallo said. "The goal is to always strive to modify things and make them better."

problems became the most difficult issues," Capitano said. "But this is the kind of mission that Tobyhanna excels in. There are a lot of talented folks here and they deserve accolades for working under a very hectic schedule with a challenging production deadline."

The shelter was completed in April and tested by depot and U.S. Army Information Systems Engineering Command personnel from Fort Huachuca, Ariz. It was fielded in a very rural environment in Southeast Asia, which turned out to be the second main challenge.

"It's like a field environment and we had to match the area's infrastructure to the shelters electronics," Terpak said. "We had to figure out how to interface with their power cables and fiber optics systems."

The system went online June 30. Capitano said the system currently communicates with strategic sites and through the DISN Asynchronous Transfer Mode network, with built-in capability to connect to a tactical Defense Satellite Communications Systems terminal for redundant communications.

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A tractor trailer carries the new Auxiliary Communications Shelter on the first leg of its journey to Southeast Asia, where it will support a missile defense site. The shelter provides voice and data communications capability. (Photo by Tony Medici)

Employees remember 9/11:

by Anthony Ricchiazzi
Editor

Everyone knows where they were and what they were doing at the time many call "The day that changed everything." Five employees shared their experiences with the *Tobyhanna Reporter* and how 9/11 has changed their lives.



Jeff Borosky, an electronics technician in the Production Engineering Directorate's Operations Support Division, said he was installing a transmission in a Ford Taurus on Sept. 11, 2001.

"My boss was away that day and we heard about the attacks on the radio," he recalled. "He would never have let us, but we got a TV and watched the events as they unfolded."

Borosky had a personal stake in the attacks because his uncle worked in the Navy at the Pentagon and a nearby building.

"He was in the other building at the time and was OK; but his boss and several co-workers were killed."

Borosky, 29, realized he did not want to be an auto mechanic for the rest of his life and enrolled in Luzerne County Community College to study engineering. He has worked at Tobyhanna for more than three years. He is currently attending night school at Wilkes University to earn a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

"I had no plans at the time of the attack and basically went on with life," he said. "A year later, I had a chance to fly on a small commuter plane for a one day trip. I hesitated,

but went anyway. I still think twice about getting on a plane to this day."

Borosky said he thinks security is good, but there is always the chance that something could happen.

"I've enjoyed working at the depot," he noted. "I started out in Firefinder and it was very fulfilling knowing that what we worked on went overseas to Southwest Asia, and all over the world, to protect our military."



Sgt. 1st Class Teodoro Soto is training here to become an instructor in Digital Group Multiplexer systems. By October, he will be teaching Soldiers how to use and maintain the systems in the High Tech Regional Training Site-Maintenance.

Now a member of the Active Guard Reserve, Soto was a Reservist with the 35th Signal Battalion in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. He served 28 years as a Reservist and has been at Tobyhanna for 45 days.

A native of Puerto Rico, Soto recalls that his unit, Company B, was getting an inspection that day by the U.S. Army Reserve Command. At the time of the attacks, he was a cable installer and repairer.

"We were in shock," recalled Soto. "We couldn't believe what was happening. It made me think about getting on a plane; who could be getting on the next plane?"

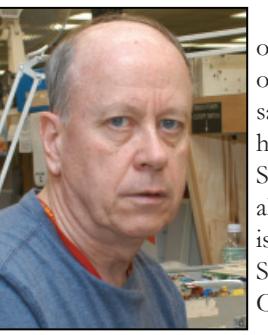
He remembered that everything on his base was shut down tight and afterwards security remained high.

"You don't realize what we were taking for granted in traveling," he said. "Now, it's mainly an adjustment. I think about what I'm wearing before going to the airport. Am I carrying anything that will set off the detectors? Do I have

a belt buckle on? I even think about what shoes I'm wearing and what I'm packing in my suitcases."

He also noticed how he and other Soldiers are treated. "During military travel, at airports for example, we are treated wonderfully by other Americans. They are very grateful and we get a lot of 'thank you's'."

Soto said he appreciates being at Tobyhanna because he can see how systems are supported, rather than only in the field.



Frank Higgins said the cost of doing business forced him out of the television repair and sales business after 30 years and he joined Tobyhanna in 2005. Several of his business associates also work at the depot. Higgins is in the Tactical Communications Systems Directorate's Communications Division.

"9-11 was another reason I wanted to work at Tobyhanna," said the 61-year-old electronics worker. "We have to keep the systems going. If we hadn't ramped up to support the troops, I probably wouldn't be here."

"It's a good feeling to wake up every morning knowing I am supporting our military," he added. "I enjoy coming here and doing my job, and I'm happy to do it."

Higgins remembers the nice weather on Sept. 11. "I was on my way to Allentown to attend a television business show with a friend who now works here. It was a beautiful, sunny day and we heard about the attacks over the radio. We made it to the show, but spent the entire time staring at the news coverage on the TVs."

He said he spent weeks thinking about the attacks and chalked it up to fear and anger. "I think that is a normal

reaction for most people, to ask why and want to get whoever did this."

He said he does not like traveling much and was not impacted that way by the attacks, then or now. He admits that the possibility of another attack is in the back of his mind and always something to consider.



Sue Rudat, deputy director of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, was on active duty at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., serving as the director for officer professional development training for the Chief of Ordnance. Then-Lt. Col. Rudat was at home on leave the day of the attacks when her mother called.

"She said we're being attacked and told me to turn on the television," Rudat said. "When I turned the TV on, a reporter who was either in or near the Pentagon said there was a loud noise, and it was the plane hitting the building. I was in shock, and immediately decided to go to work."

She said there were reports of the gates at APG being closed and there were already long lines to get in. She had an appointment that day and knew it would be impossible to get to it in time.

"All of our buildings were secured and guards were posted; IDs were checked at every entrance and daily reports were sent to the EOC (Emergency Operations Center)."

The travel she was scheduled to take was delayed for a week, and even after a week, there were "phenomenal" lines at Baltimore Washington International Airport.

"Later, we continued to travel, but the wait was

incredible, and considerable time was required to be built into all travel plans," she added.

Rudat, a native of West Pittston, Pa., said when she prepared to retire from active duty last year after 22-1/2 years of service, she wanted to return and work in the Wyoming Valley area. Her father and brother had worked at Tobyhanna and she knew the depot was a possibility.

"I'm amazed at the dedication of the work force here," she said. "I'm very happy to be a part of it and continue to have the opportunity to serve."



Christopher Howe joined Tobyhanna nearly two years ago after trying to join the Army.

"Personal reasons and physical ailments kept me from joining," said the 26-year-old former carpenter and electrician.

"The recruiter, a friend of mine, was ready to process me further, but he said that I had an uphill battle and probably would not be chosen. I looked at Tobyhanna as another possible good career and way to serve my country and wanted to work here."

Howe is an electronics worker in the Communications Systems Directorate's Satellite Communications Division.

He spent five and a half months in Kuwait fixing

computers, and even though he could not help as a Soldier, he is very proud of his tour in Kuwait. "It was an honor to be overseas, wearing a uniform and working with the Soldiers," he said. "It's also very gratifying to work here. The work we do directly supports the Soldiers."

He was in class at Johnson College studying architectural drafting and design when he found out about the Sept. 11 attacks.

"At the time, politicians stopped bickering, and it impacted me when the whole country came together," he explained.

Howe said the attacks cemented his resolve as an American and his support of the American counterattacks on the terrorists. He believes the attacks also had a similar effect on the entire nation.

Howe said he feels safer when he gets on an airplane due to the higher security such as sky marshals, but he still thinks about 9-11 when he gets on a plane or crosses a bridge.

Howe said he met a lot of Muslims from different countries while serving in Kuwait.

"They were among the nicest people I ever met," he said. "I think the media has us brainwashed that if you're a Muslim, you're a terrorist and it's not true. There were a lot of Christians in that part of the world as well. Personally I think religion should play a bigger part in our lives. It slows us down and shows that we are all mortal."

U.S. programs have prevented further attacks

by Donna Miles, Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Nearly five years after America "awoke to a nightmare attack" on Sept. 11, 2001, the nation is thankful that terrorists haven't succeeded in launching another attack on U.S. soil, but recognizes that it's not for the terrorists' lack of trying, President Bush said at the White House Sept. 6.

"Nineteen men, armed with box cutters, took control of airplanes and turned them into missiles," Bush said of the Sept. 11 attacks. "They used them to kill nearly



3,000 innocent people. We watched the Twin Towers collapse before our eyes — and it became instantly clear that we'd entered a new world and a dangerous new war."

After seeing the destruction in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, Americans wondered if a second wave of attacks was still to come, he said.

Five years later, Bush said, the enemy's failure to launch that second wave hasn't been for lack of desire or determination. "As the recently foiled plot in London shows, the terrorists are still active, and they're still trying to strike America, and they're still trying to kill our people," he said.

One reason the terrorists haven't succeeded in launching another Sept. 11 is

"the hard work of thousands of dedicated men and women in our government, who have toiled day and night, along with our allies, to stop the enemy from carrying out their plans," the president said. "And we are grateful for these hardworking citizens of ours."

The Sept. 11 attacks posed new challenges to the United States and its government, he said.

"With the Twin Towers and the Pentagon still smoldering, our country on edge, and a stream of intelligence coming in about potential new attacks, my administration faced immediate challenges: We had to respond to the attack on our country. We had to wage an unprecedented war against an enemy unlike any we had fought before.

We had to find the terrorists hiding in America and across the world, before they were able to strike our country again," he said. "So in the early days and weeks after 9/11, I directed our government's senior national security officials to do everything in their power, within our laws, to prevent another attack."

Bush cited the success of new government policies in helping protect the nation. "Another reason the terrorists have not succeeded is because our government has changed its policies — and given our military, intelligence, and law enforcement personnel the tools they need to fight

the war on terror, we must be able to detain, question, and, when appropriate, prosecute terrorists captured here in America, and on the battlefields around the world," he said.



We didn't start this fight, but we must win it

Commentary by Col. Anthony Johnson
455th Expeditionary Operations Group commander

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan (Sept. 5, 2006) — We sent three young men and a young woman home in flag-draped, metal containers a few days ago.

I was flying over the scene shortly after one of the young men died.

The warrior we were talking to on the radio was audibly shaken by the event. Looking down on the situation from two to three miles above, I was too far removed to truly feel his pain. He obviously wanted to avenge the loss of a fellow hero and understandably wanted revenge for the pain he was suffering. My flight lead may have helped him reap a bit of that revenge.

However, ladies and gentlemen, we are not in the revenge business. Our business is to make it possible to get on an airplane without taking our shoes off and to carry a laptop, tooth paste, perfume and our Ipod on that airplane with us. Our business is about building a free, democratic nation to let the people of Afghanistan experience a better way than tyranny. Our business is about establishing an economy here, built around commodities that compliment the values most Americans hold close to their hearts versus one that tears at the fabric of our society. Our business is to restore the freedoms Americans enjoyed prior to 9-11.

In short, our business is to make the world a better place for our children and grandchildren.

I mentioned that I was too far removed to feel the pain felt by the young man we were talking to on the radio. But when I landed my airplane safely on an airfield inside a secure compound, the pain became a bit more real as I visited the members of the squadron who had just lost one of their mates. I felt completely helpless. There was nothing I could do to relieve their anguish.

They are warriors! Warriors conceal their grief and continue the mission, but they were hurting and I wish them God speed. As I think about the grief on their faces when they loaded their comrade's body on an airplane for the journey back to his family, the thought of my family having to endure that same pain is unbearable to me.

Although I look forward to going home, it will not be an occasion to celebrate.

When all of us who have come together for this common purpose complete our task and have done some good in this place, when the women and children of Afghanistan enjoy the freedoms that most Americans take for granted, then we can celebrate.

Please pray for the four young people who died fighting for our freedoms and thank them in the most sincere way you can.

Thank them for fighting for you and your family. Thank them for fighting for all the thankless citizens who are going about their lives as if nothing is happening here and in Iraq. Pray that their families' grief will soon subside and that they will have peace.

We didn't start this fight, but we must win it for our children and grandchildren!

WELCOME TO THE DEPOT

Name

Thomas Bowditch
Franklin Cummings
James Curry
Michael Hamm
Michael Klimas
Michael McQuown
Gary O'Toole
Vicki Reeves
Douglas Serfass

Title

Sheet metal worker
Electronics equipment specialist
Electronics equipment specialist
Painting worker
Industrial hygiene technician
General equipment repair
Painting helper
Electronic worker
General equipment repair

Organization

D/SIS
D/C3/Avionics
D/C3/Avionics
D/SIS
Health clinic
D/SIS
SIS
D/SIS
D/SIS

CAREER MILESTONE



From left, David Hackenberg, Richard Onofrey, Joseph Karaffa, Frank Zardecki (deputy depot commander), Joseph Guziewicz and Howard Miller attend the Length of Service Awards ceremony held Aug. 30. (Photo by Tony Medici)

Five Tobyhanna Army Depot employees were recognized for their years of government service during the Aug. 30 Length of Service ceremony.

Howard Miller, 35 years, electronics mechanic supervisor, Satellite Communications Division, Communications Systems Directorate.

Joseph Guziewicz, 30 years, equipment specialist, Communications Support Division, Production Engineering Directorate.

Joseph Karaffa, 30 years, electronics worker, Electronic Services Division, Systems Integration and Support Directorate.

Richard Onofrey, 30 years, electrician, Electronic Services Division, Systems Integration and Support Directorate.

David Hackenberg, 30 years, electronic equipment specialist, Signal Intelligence/Electronics Warfare Division, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate.

In addition to service certificates and pins, 35-year honorees receive an engraved clock and 30-year honorees receive a framed American flag and an aerial photo of the depot.

Honorees who attend the ceremony get a four-hour time-off award. Deputy depot commander Frank Zardecki presented the awards.

RETIREEES

Two employees met with deputy depot commander Frank Zardecki Aug. 25 before retiring.

Albert Dixon was an electronics mechanic, Surveillance Systems Division, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate.

He served four years in the Army before starting work at Tobyhanna in 1981.

Dixon resides in Avoca with his wife, Beverly.

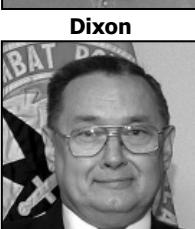
After retirement he plans to work around the yard, spend time with his grandchildren, and work on and drive his 1930 Ford pickup truck.

Eugene Golembeski was a material handler/packer, Communications Security Division, Communications Systems Directorate.

He served four years in the Air Force before starting work at Tobyhanna in 1980.

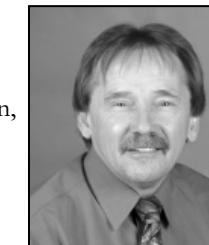
Golembeski resides in Nanticoke with his wife, Susan. They are the parents of Eugene and Luanne.

His hobbies include woodworking, gardening, trains, arts and crafts, building model aircraft, upholstery, and painting. After retirement he plans to spend time with his wife, children, grandchildren and two dogs.



Golembeski

NEW SUPERVISORS



Dittman



Scheff

Robert Dittman is the Support Services Branch chief, Communications Security (COMSEC) Division, Communications Systems Directorate.

As chief, he supervises 10 employees who provide administrative support to the COMSEC Division. His responsibilities include resolving budget shortages, planning for staffing needs, providing technical advice regarding administrative matters, and technical operations and administration of branch functions.

Prior to his current position, Dittman was an electronics mechanic supervisor for the same division. He began his career at Tobyhanna in November 1978.

Dittman served three years in the Army. During his career he was assigned to units in Germany and Vietnam.

His awards and decorations include the Good Conduct Medal with two overseas bars, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Bronze Star.

Dittman is a 1968 graduate of Stroudsburg High School, Stroudsburg. He attended classes at Churchman's Business College, Allentown. In 1991, he graduated from the four-year Electronics Mechanics Apprenticeship Program.

He and his wife, Bonnie, reside in Bartonsville. They are the parents of Michelle, 39, Heather, 35, and Christopher, 31, and the grandparents of seven grandchildren.

Dittman is a member of the Association of the United States Army, and American Legion Post 425.

His hobbies include woodworking and landscaping; he enjoys listening to country music.

Franklin Frey is the Surveillance Systems Division chief, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate.

As chief, he supervises 70 employees who repair, maintain and overhaul the AN/TPS-75 Air Defense Radar. Frey sets work schedules, establishes standards, tracks progress and quality of work performance, and assigns tasks.

Prior to his current position, Frey was an electronics mechanic supervisor for the Air Defense Radar Components Branch in the same division. He began his career at Tobyhanna in May 2000.

Frey served 20 years in the Army, retiring as a sergeant first class. During his career, he served in positions ranging from team leader to first sergeant while assigned at several locations: Fort Lewis, Wash., Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Stewart, Ga., Fort Bliss, Texas, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., Fort Drum, N.Y., and installations in Ansbach and Mannheim, Germany. Frey also served as an Army recruiter in the Harrisburg Recruiting Battalion, a senior instructor at the Fort Drum Noncommissioned Officers Academy, and a master fitness specialist and trainer.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Achievement Medal with one silver oak leaf cluster, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Overseas Service

Ribbon with three oak leaf clusters, Noncommissioned Officers Academy Ribbon with "3" device, Army Service Medal, and a Gold Recruiters Badge with two sapphires.

Scheff is a 1976 graduate of Northampton Area High School, Northampton. He is taking classes at the University of Maryland working toward a bachelor's degree in business management.

He and his wife, Melissa, reside in Northampton. They are the parents of Jason, 30, Justin, 27, and Jared, 24; and grandparents of Ariel, 9, Allison, 5, Emily, 3, and Sarah, 1.

Frey is a member of the Association of the United States Army, Tri-Boro Rod and Gun Club, Petersville Rod and Gun Club, and the American Legion.

His hobbies include listening to music, working in his yard and walking.

Joseph Scheff is the Multiple Threat Systems Branch chief, Command, Control and Computer Systems/Avionics Directorate.

As chief, he supervises 25 employees who repair and overhaul the AN/MST-T1(A) Multiple Threat Emitter System. The system is an Air Force identify friend or foe, tracking and training simulator system that provides threat signals for training aircrews.

Prior to his current position, Scheff worked as an electronics worker in the Test Equipment Support Branch. He began his career at Tobyhanna in October 2005.

Earlier in his career, Scheff worked as broadcast engineer for a local television station where he installed, modified, tested, and repaired television and radio broadcast electronic equipment.

Later he was the technical support supervisor for Luzerne County 911 where he oversaw the technical support operations of the communications center.

Scheff is certified as an Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Public Safety Radio Technician and Communications Center Supervisor; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 911 Supervisor, National Radio Examiners, Master of Communications Technology, National Emergency Number Association (NENA) Emergency Number Professional and Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE), Broadcast Technologist. He is also a member of APCO, NENA, and SBE.

In addition he is licensed by the Federal Communication Commission as a general radiotelephone operator. Scheff was awarded the key to the City of Wilkes-Barre for service during the emergency restoration of the city police and fire/emergency medical service communications systems.

Scheff is a 1991 graduate of West Side Tech High School, Kingston. He is taking correspondence classes at the Cleveland Institute of Electronics, Ohio.

He and his wife, Calesta, reside in Kingston Township. They are the parents of Madelyn, 2.

Scheff is a member of the Association of the United States Army, Luzerne County Fair, and St. Luke's United Church of Christ in Wilkes-Barre.

His hobbies include amateur radio, fishing and spending time with family.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Editor's Note: The Community Bulletin provides an avenue for depot and tenant employees to advertise van or car pools, and for-sale items. Money making items such as rentals and personal business will not be accepted.

Information must be submitted via e-mail to Jacqueline Boucher@tobyhanna.army.mil, or written items can be mailed to the Public Affairs Office, mail stop 5076.

Submissions must include a name and telephone extension. Only home phone numbers will be published in the Trading Post section.

Ads will be published in four consecutive newspapers. It is the customer's responsibility to update or renew items listed in the Community Bulletin.

For more information, call Jacqueline Boucher, X58073.



VAN/CAR POOLS

- **Moosic, Greenwood, Minooka:** 2 openings, van pool, 5/4/9, door-to-door pickup, call Matt, X56733.
- **Kingston, DuPont:** Parish transportation needs a bus driver, call Mark Kordoski, X58549.
- **Parsons, Miners Mills:** 1 opening, van, 7 passengers, 5/4/9, house-to-house pickup, "A" placard, non-smoking, call Diane Miller, X58980 or Charlie Cardimona, X58555.
- **Wilkes-Barre:** 1-2 openings, car, 5/4/9, first Friday off, "A" placard, leaves Sam's Club at 5:45 a.m., call Jean, X56261 or 510-7692.
- **Edwardsville, Kingston, Plymouth, South Wilkes-Barre:** openings, 5/4/9, leaves Edwardsville at 5:50 a.m., call Dave Zagrosky, X58755, or Steve Voyton, X56257.
- **Wind Gap, Moorestown:** individual seeks van/car pool, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., call Barry, X56228.
- **Sugarloaf, Drums, Conyngham, St. John's:** starting new, 7 passengers, van, non-smoking, 5/4/9, "A" placard, call Brian Sauers, X56978.
- **Dallas Shavertown, Exeter:** 1 opening, 7 passengers, van, non-smoking, 5/4/9, contact Bob Redinski, X59184, or send e-mail.
- **Old Forge:** 1 opening, 7 passengers, van, non-smoking, 5/4/9, house-to-house pickup, call Cathy or Ron, X56745.
- **Clarks Summit:** 2 openings, van, non-smoking, 5/4/9, call Paul Sacco, X56725, or Rich Joyce, X56774.
- **Glen Lyon, Nanticoke, Plymouth, Ashley and Sugar Notch:** 1 opening, 6-passenger van, pick up at Route 309 across from McDonalds at park and ride in Wilkes-Barre,

departure time is 5:40 a.m., 5/4/9, second Friday off, call Ray Tarnowski, X57331 or 736-6383.

- **Back Mountain, Dallas:** 1 opening, 7-passenger van, non-smoking, 5/4/9, also accepting names for waiting list, call Woody, X58876 or Mike, X59103.
- **Broadheadsville, Palmerton:** openings, 5/4/9, along routes 209 and 115, and Kuhenbecker and Long Pond roads, call Keith, X7925.
- **Back Mountain, Swoyersville, Forty Fort, Kingston:** new, van pool, 7 passenger, 5/4/9, non-smoking, contact Chris Antall by e-mail or call X59088.
- **Larksville, Kingston, Plymouth, South Wilkes-Barre:** new, van pool, 7 passenger, non-smoking, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., leaves Price Chopper parking lot in Edwardsville at 5:45 a.m., call John Stochla, X58793 or Wayne Watkins, X5-8569.
- **Lakeville, Hawley, Tafton:** new, van, or Lakeville, Hamlin and Sterling areas, call Shep, X56059.
- **Jim Thorpe, surrounding area:** 1-2 openings, van, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., call Pat, X57671.
- **Clarks Summit:** 1 opening, car, 5/4/9, first Friday off, non-smoking, "A" placard, call Joan, X56223.



TRADING POST

- **Tires, wheels:** Kelly Wintermark Magna Grip HT snow tires mounted on 15x6 Honda Civic wheels, used one winter season, 2,200 miles, paid \$237, asking \$160, call 636-3642.
- **Free:** double bed, very good condition, mattress, box springs, bookcase headboard, call 842-8063.
- **Furniture:** Dining table, dark, solid maple, oblong, 2 leaves, 6 captain chairs and matching hutch, \$500 for set or \$250 each if sold separately; Broyhill living room set, 4-person couch, 2-person love seat, recliner, blue fabric, flecks of pink accent, \$300 for set; 4 maple end tables with drawer, \$25 each; 25-inch Zenith color console television, cable ready, \$100; 2 brass table lamps, \$10 each; and 1 sky-blue ginger jar lamp and matching shade, \$5, call Paula, 961-2796 after 6 p.m. weekdays.
- **Free:** To a good home, Chihuahua, pure breed, almost 14 months old, good with kids, call 470-0447.
- **Vehicles:** 1990 Pontiac Grand Am, 2.5 liter, automatic, sedan, 137k miles, asking \$400; 2000 Chrysler Sebring LXI, 2.5 liter, V-6, automatic, A/C, P/W, P/L, dual airbags, C/C, 16-inch aluminum wheels (5,000 miles on tires), P/S, tan/leather interior, AM/FM/cassette, asking \$4,000 (with JVC AM/FM/CD/MP3, amplifier and JL W-6 12-inch subwoofer,

National Hispanic Heritage Month: The Roberto Clemente story

**by Lauren Brennan
Equal Opportunity Office assistant**

Roberto Clemente Walker was born in Barrio San Anton in Carolina, Puerto Rico, on Aug. 18, 1934. Roberto was very athletic and accomplished in track and field. His passion, however, was baseball.

He began as an amateur baseball player with Juncos Double A Club; moved on to the Santurce Crabbers; and then signed on with the Brooklyn Dodgers and was assigned to the Montreal Royals. In 1954, Clemente's contract was bought by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

He played for the Pittsburgh Pirates for 18 years and was a 12-time All Star and 12-time Gold Glove winner. Clemente won four National League batting titles, was selected as the league's Most Valuable Player in 1966, and led the Pirates to two World Series Championships.



Roberto Clemente

He was the first Latino to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

As if his baseball career were not enough, Clemente was a great humanitarian. During his life, he set a standard of distinction with through unselfish acts and generosity that made him an international hero.

Just a few months after he joined the

elite group of players with 3,000 hits, he decided to help aid Nicaraguan earthquake victims. Clemente was killed in a plane crash Dec. 31, 1972, shortly after take off. His body has never been found. Family and friends urged him not to go as the weather was uncertain and the plane was not stable. Since the plane was carrying medical, food and clothing supplies for Nicaraguans, Clemente was determined to go.

The man could have lived a luxurious life shielded from the troubles of the world, but he made it a point to help others.

The sports world lost an icon while the world lost a charitable individual. Roberto had touched the lives of his teammates, peers and fellow citizens. He is remembered with great admiration as a ballplayer and human being whose legacy will continue through the generations.

Clemente continues to be an inspiration for sports fans and an international club

has been created in his honor. Several U.S. schools were named after him and he is the second baseball player to appear on a U.S. postage stamp.

Roberto Clemente Day was established in 2002 by Major League Baseball to increase the awareness of the Roberto Clemente Award, which is an award given annually to recognize a baseball player who best exemplifies the game of baseball through sportsmanship, community involvement and positive contributions to his team.

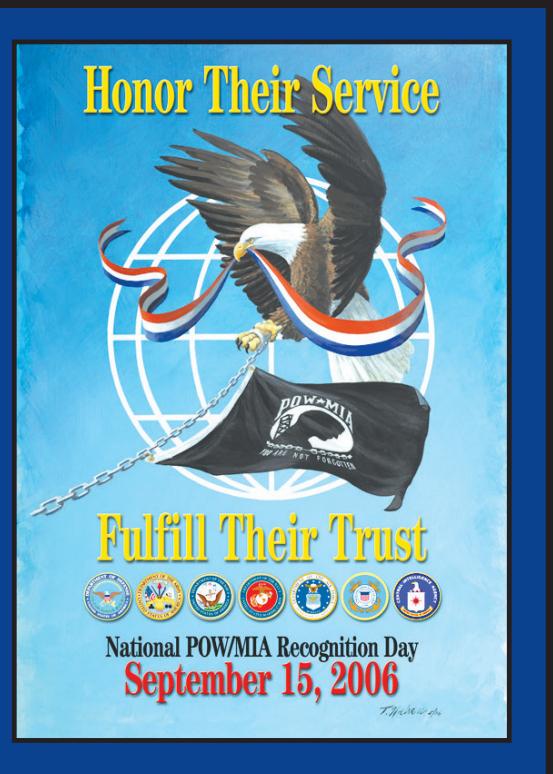
On Sept. 22, 2005, Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell joined Major League Baseball in declaring the day as Roberto Clemente Day throughout Pennsylvania.

National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. It is fitting that Roberto Clemente Day is celebrated during the first week of the National Hispanic Heritage Month.



Golfers swing tough Mount Airy course

Jennifer Malcolm, top left, gets some pointers from George Wolfe as Joe Salamido (background) and John Zelenka provide the cheers while warming up for the 2006 Commander's Cup Golf Tournament held on Sept. 5 at Mount Airy Golf Club. Depot commander Col. Ron Alberto also warms up prior to play as Chet Studinski, a depot retiree, waits his turn. Players pause for posterity before breaking up into 31 Captain and Crew teams and Alberto provided opening remarks to the 124 participants. The team of Jason Menago, Joe Valvonis, Bryan Ranallo and Joe Carnevale (4 time champion) were victorious over the team of John Lewis, Jerry Stankiewicz, Chet Studinski and Jeff Lewis on a match of cards. Both teams shot a 10 under par 62. Finishing in the third spot on a match of cards was the team of Paul Hartz, Chris Mathewson, Jim "Flash" Gordon and John Lesh with a score of 9 under par 63. The fourth place team of Alberto, Rick Sames, Mike Carrera and Pat Mirabelle shot a 63. Jason Menago and Mike Carrera, co-chairmen of this year's tournament, and Jimmie Joseph coordinated registration and scoring. Pat Mirabelle coordinated the prizes. "The committee would like to thank the Morale, Welfare and Recreation folks, and the Civilian Welfare Council, for their continued support of the Commander's Cup golf tournament," Carrera said. "Without their help in obtaining the prizes for the tournament, the event would not be the great success it is. We hope to see everyone at next year's tournament." (Photos by Mike Carrera)



Army Sustainment Command to take on CONUS materiel management mission

by Beth Musselman-Clemons
Army News Service

Army Materiel Command's new major subordinate command, Army Sustainment Command, will stand up Sept. 22 – and with it comes several new missions to support the warfighter.

One of the new missions, materiel management, is a phase of military logistics which includes managing, cataloging, disposal, procurement, distribution, overhaul and determining requirements of materiel. This mission is done at many different levels of AMC; however, under ASC the efforts will be streamlined and focused on the warfighting units.

"Materiel management tasks that were previously conducted by materiel management centers under the former Army logistics structure will now be executed by ASC," according to Lt. Col. Dennis M. Thompson, director, Distribution Management Center, Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.

ASC, working in close coordination with AMC's Life Cycle Management Commands, will be the Army's single materiel manager for units stationed in the continental United States until they deploy. According to Thompson, ASC will conduct centralized materiel management through the Distribution Management Center, part of the upcoming ASC.

According to AMC officials, the transition of Army Field Support Command to ASC allows CONUS-based forces to be supported by a Theater Sustainment Command -equivalent logistics command that can leverage AMC's LCMCs, the national sustainment base and the capabilities of strategic partners.

"Through the operational lines of materiel readiness, integration, supply, and mobility we will reduce the workload from the field and provide the warfighter with near-real-time readiness posture, and anticipate and avoid problems," said Thompson.

Working with the Logistics Support Activity, ASC aims to improve logistics situational awareness by providing automation tools such as the Logistics Information Warehouse. The Warehouse which will provide logisticians with a clear picture of where supplies are located or enroute within the distribution pipeline.

"We will support our Army Field Support Brigade and Logistics Support Element commanders in the field as they work with the units to assist them in the Army Force Generation process. Centralized materiel management from Rock Island will use common logistics information systems and will eventually allow us to draw down our costs in the field," said Thompson.

As part of the revamped command, ASC will work in coordination with U.S. Army Forces Command to recommend major end items for CONUS forces to Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. In addition, Installation Management Agency will partner with ASC to lead the reset and regeneration process for redeploying units.

While ASC will not officially stand-up until late September, Soldiers may already see the efforts of the new command. With the de-activation of Corps Support Commands and Division Support Commands, Army units were facing a gap in support while waiting for the ASC to achieve full operating capability. To counter this, AFSC began deploying initial capability teams in mid-July at every corps and division to provide a bridge during the transition from AFSC to ASC.

According to Thompson, the new materiel management mission will provide a better system for the warfighter, ultimately enhancing his abilities and readiness, a vital effect during the Global War on Terrorism.

"ASC's assumption of the materiel management mission in the continental United States will allow the warfighter to better focus on their core competencies. ASC presence throughout the world will enable the warfighter by providing enhanced readiness," said Thompson.

Cadre members wanted

Civilian contracting personnel have long been an important part of the AMC mission, but now, more than ever, those in the 1102 career field have become essential on the battlefield.

Headquarters, Army Materiel Command, Command Contracting has established the Deployable Civilian Contracting Cadre. The program is designed to provide a cadre of highly skilled, trained and deployable contracting civilians to support contingency operations.

In order to become a cadre member, individuals must be DAWIA Level II certified in the 1102 career field, must meet the minimum medical and dental requirements and are required to sign a three-year agreement. In turn, cadre members receive a 5 percent of base pay incentive for each year in the program, 10 percent of base pay upon deployment.

For more information, contact one of the following representatives: HQ AMCCP, Sharon Seiffert, 703-806-8239; TACOM, Pat Watkins, 586-574-7282; AMCOM, Steve Froniabarger, 256-842-7284; RDECOM, Dennis Longo, 410-278-0846; C-E LCMC, Suzanne Oprisko, 732-532-8574; ASC - Gene Harrison, 309-782-3191.